

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Are You Being Served?

It's good to open the door in the morning and find the milk on the doorstep, or to be able to put out the rubbish and know that it's going to be taken away. It's good to nip out late at night knowing that somewhere there'll still be a corner shop open or a 'Drive-Thru'. We appreciate the people that man these services, but how many of us planned to be those people as we grew up?

"If you don't work hard," our teachers warn us at school, "you'll end up stacking shelves in the supermarket." It seems that we all want to be served, but not many of us want to do the serving.

Today's gospel is a lesson in leadership. Jesus sees leadership as one thing and his disciples see it as something very different.

"Grant that in your glory," request James and John, "that we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." They equate leadership with authority, power, glory and status. This is not of course how Jesus ever sought to lead. Jesus never sought power or glory; he only ever sought humility and servitude.

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be slave of all," Jesus tells them. He meant that we should lead by example, by rolling up our sleeves and getting stuck in as equals. Nowadays, we are very career orientated. We are brought up to equate position and status with success. It is easy for a politician, a doctor or a teacher to think that he or she is more important than the person who sweeps the streets. Jesus warns that the cup he chose to drink is a difficult one. What we should take away today is that no one must use their position to lord it over others; rather we should use our God given skills to serve one another.

Bitesize – 'Humility does not mean thinking less of yourself than of other people, nor does it mean having a low opinion of your own gifts. It means freedom from thinking about yourself at all.' ~ *William Temple*



PARISH PRAYER – Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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 Diocesan Website – <http://www.rcdea.org.uk>
 Notre Dame High School, Norwich – <http://www.ndhs.org.uk>
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21st OCTOBER 2018 – 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B

[29th Week of the Year, Weekday Year II, Psalter Week 1]

Mass Times for the Week			Intentions
Sat. 20 th Oct.	6.00 pm	29 th Sunday in Ord. Time [Parish Mass Book p146]	Deceased Jones & Kendall Families Catherine Foley People of the Parish
Sun. 21 st Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Mon. 22 nd Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	John McCaffrey
Tues. 23 rd Oct.	-	Feria	No Mass today – PP's day off
Weds. 24 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Donor's Int.
Thurs. 25 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Private Int.
Fri. 26 th Oct.	10.00 am	Feria	Private Int.
Sat. 27 th Oct.	-	Feria	No morning Mass
Sat. 27 th Oct.	6.00 pm	30 th Sunday in Ord. Time	Francis Perrin Meda Hatfield People of the Parish
Sun. 28 th Oct.	9.00 am 11.00 am		

Music for 29th Sunday in Ord. Time – *Setting: New People's Mass*
Entry: 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 706 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ...
Psalm: 11am sung *R.*: *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*
Offertory: Hymn 874 – Take my life, and let it be ...
Recessional: 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 356 – Hail, Queen of heav'n ...

Confession/Reconciliation: Saturday at 5.30pm, or by request/appointment

The parish newsletter (incl. back copies) is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week.

Anniversaries this week: Catherine Foley, Peter Giles, Winifred King, Bernadette Winstanley, Fr. Harry Wace, Francis Perrin, Marie Jones and George Marshall. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits: If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, King's Lynn (QEII), and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St. John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or call the NNUH Hospital Chaplaincy direct on 01603 287470 for people needing urgent spiritual attention, or for visits to QEII Hospital, call Fr. Peter Rollings on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament or Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01326 694066.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] – Please pray for: David Peek, Janet Yardley, Jenny Rudd, Anna Thompson, Peter Gormans, Sarah Chaudri, Rita Smith, Carol Whitesides, Catherine (Kay) Garrard and Robert Nicol.

Money Matters: Thank you for your offering of £492.47 last weekend for the maintenance of the day-to-day running of our parish and thank you also for your donation of £210.86 for the Prisons Advice and Care Trust. **This weekend,** there is a retiring collection after all Masses for Missio (APF).

Diary Dates for this week -		
Tues. 23 rd Oct.	7.30pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group - Emmaus Room
Sat. 27 th Oct.	Saturday Club is on half term. Classes resume next Saturday, 3 rd November.	

Word Mission Sunday, 21st October – World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and our Church in proclaiming the Gospel of hope to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and donations will help build a future of hope both in Ethiopia and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you.

Holidays – I will be on holiday from October 30th to November 13th. Fr. Michael Johnstone, formerly Parish Priest of Swaffham, will celebrate the Sunday and Holy Day Masses in my absence.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is to make a formal visit to St. John's Cathedral while on a Visitation to the Norwich Diocese during November. It will be at **12.00 noon on Wednesday, 7th November**. There will be a brief liturgy and a welcome from Bishop Alan. The theme of the Archbishop's visit will be Reconciliation. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Working with Missionaries of the Poor - Fr Michael Johnstone is again taking a group to Kingston, Jamaica in January 2019 to work as Volunteers with the Missionaries of the Poor. Anyone age over 18, male or female is welcome to join the group. Further information from Fr. Michael. Email fr.mcjohnstone@gmail.com

One World Week, 21 - 28 October 2018: "The World is Changing – How about us?" - Events will be exploring what changes we can make to move towards a world in which we can all thrive within the life-supporting systems of our common home. We each have to change how we care for our common home.

Disarmament Week, 24th October 2018 - Many people believe that the world would be a more peaceful place if there were fewer weapons. For this reason, an important component of even the earliest peace movements was to advocate for disarmament; convincing nations to keep only the weapons they need for an adequate police force. Of course, weapons are only a tool for the expression of violence in our world; there have always been conflicts and wars. But in the past, most of the victims of wars were the soldiers that nations sent to fight each other. Today, most victims of weapons are innocent civilians, and modern weapons have the potential to kill massive numbers of people at one time. Let us renew our prayers for peace and justice in the world and think about how we can support organizations working to stop the proliferation of weapons.

The Angelus

☩. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. *℟. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*
Hail Mary ...

☩. Behold the handmaid of the Lord. *℟. Be it done unto me according to thy word.*
Hail Mary ...

☩. And the Word was made flesh. *℟. And dwelt among us.* *Hail Mary ...*

☩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. *℟. That we may be made worth of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.